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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1882.

SCIENTIFIC newspapers received on Saturday bring us the first particulars from home about the Comet. According to them, it would appear that the honour of its discovery, so far as was known up to September 22nd, may be shared between M. CRULS, director of the Observatory at Rio de Janeiro, and Captain MARKHAM, of H.M.S. *Triumph*, when at or near Madeira, both of whom detected it on the same day, September 12th, and very soon telegraphed their discoveries to England. M. CRULS announced that it was visible to the naked eye in the morning sky, and that its position at 5h. 14m. a.m. (Rio mean time) on the 12th was in Right Ascension 9h. 48m., and Declination 2 deg. 1 min. South; that is to say, it was about twenty-seven degrees to the west and south of the sun. The positions for the 12th and 13th cabled by Captain MARKHAM did not agree well with that given by M. CRULS, but the former's means of observation were perhaps not very good, or else there was some error in the figures as received, for there can be little if any doubt that the same object was referred to. Nor does there seem to be any

reason for doubting that the comet we now see is the one that was thus discovered on the 12th September.

Great Britain the first discoverer appears to have been Mr. A. A. CONNOR, of Ealing, a well-known amateur astronomer, who, while observing the sun on the morning of the 17th September, found a comet very close to it, in fact less than half of the sun's diameter from his southern limb or edge. The identity of this comet with that of M. CRULS and Captain MARKHAM had not been established, for want of sufficient data for the purpose, but there is very good ground for supposing them to be the same. From Mr. Connor's observations, the place of his comet at Greenwich mean noon of the 17th September was in Right Ascension 11h. 34m., and Declination 1 deg. 42 min. North. It was therefore in close proximity to the sun, still a little to the south and west of it; and it was moving rapidly to the east and north. It must then have been very near its perihelion passage. A week later, as we know from observations in this region, it had reversed the direction of its motion, and was again many degrees west of the sun; and it has moved westward ever since. In the latter remarks it is of course assumed that the comet now visible to us and the objects observed by Messrs. CRULS, MARKHAM and CONNOR are

all one and the same—an assumption we make with due reserve, pending the receipt of further information by the next mail. Mr. CRULS described his comet as having a bright nucleus, and a tail about 4 min. long, in which the brightness was so distributed at the two sides as to give it the appearance of a double tail. It was observed the next day, September 18th, at Lord CRAWFORD's Observatory, Dunelm, in a position implying that its retrograde motion had already begun. The spectrum of the nucleus was continuous, with many bright lines, indicative of a glowing gas.

The conjecture hazarded in our note of the 20th inst. that this might possibly be the expected comet of 1812 is now disproved by the information from home which, as we took care to point out, could alone settle the question. M. CRULS made

the same conjecture, but is corrected by *Nature* of the 21st September, which remarks that "this is certainly an oversight: Were the comet of 1812 in the right ascension observed by M. CRULS on the 12th September, its declination would be much further north than that observed if the comet were approaching perihelion, and much further south if it were receding therefrom." Another comet was discovered on the 10th September, by Mr. BARNARD, presumably at Nashville, Tennessee. It was then a small circular object about 2 min. in diameter, with some central condensation. This one also cannot be the comet of 1812.

Does the *Daily Press* actually believe that the community of Hongkong and the members of the Social Science Congress are brainless fools? If not, what is the meaning of the half column of arrant rubbish which appears as a leading article in this morning's issue of that estimable journal? We are lost in wonderment at our contemporary's guileless simplicity. The article in question is supposed to be a comparison, founded on statistical returns, between the number of crimes committed in this Colony during the periods from 1872 to 1876 and 1877 to 1881 respectively. The object is to prove that a statement made by Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY before the Social Science Congress at Nottingham in regard to the repression of crime in Hongkong was flagrantly false. His Excellency, in the course of his remarks, stated that one result of his criminal policy in this Colony had been an immense diminution in crime and outrage. And, as a matter of fact, he was perfectly correct in making this assertion, as even his bitterest political opponents frankly admit. The statistician (?) of the *Daily Press* is the only person who refuses to acknowledge what everybody knows to be the truth; and to prove Governor HENNESSY a deliberate perverter of actual facts, or rather, to use his own peculiar phraseology, to demonstrate "the utter falsity" of His Excellency's assertion, this remarkable genius rushes bull-headed into what he is pleased to try and palm off on the public as trustworthy and reliable statistics. We have no intention of going into detail and showing up the feebleness, the thoroughly childish character of this writer's contemptible attack; it is merely a repetition of a series of similar productions on the Census Returns by the same author, which would gladly be present if only they could "wet their whistles" during the intervals.

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galling it may be to the factious opposition, who never had the prudence to know when they had gone far enough, Governor HENNESSY has undoubtedly beaten them most decisively at their own game, and this fact cannot be set aside, face it out as they will. Our morning contemporary is particularly anxious to make a show of their statistical authority, we would suggest that the wonderful one be supplied with a pair of frilled trousers and a green parasol, and sent up to the Kennedy Road at the fashionable hour when the youth and beauty of the Colony congregate on that pleasant promenade, where he will be certain to create a sensation, and gain the dearly loved notoriety his *réveil* of doctored statistics will never achieve.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 29th October, were:—European 171, Chinese 2,403; total 2,574.

COLONEL PAPILLON, Commanding Royal Engineer, proceeds to Singapore by the *Kashgar*, on departmental duty, we understand.

THERE will be a parade and inspection of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades, at the Central Fire Brigade Station, on Thursday next, at 3:30 p.m.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, to-night, the 31st instant, at 8:30 for 9 o'clock, precisely.

LIEUT. STACOLE, 2nd battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, recently promoted from color sergeant in the Buffs, proceeds home by the outgoing mail steamer to join his regiment, which is stationed, we believe, in Enniskillen, Ireland.

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Commercial.

THIS DAY.

4 o'clock p.m.

Being mail day, and also settling day, business has been very dull in the Share Market. Small sales of Luzons at 108 have been put through, and a few Indo-China S. N. shares have changed hands at 5 discount. No other stocks require special comment.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—144 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,700 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$300 per share, buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$2,323 per share, sellers and buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,065 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$343 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—51 per cent. premium, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$31 per share premium, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—5 per cent. dis. sales.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$195 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$108 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$1,571 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—21 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/91
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/91
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/91
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/10
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/10
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/73
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/84
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T.T. 224
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. 224
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 728
Private, 30 days' sight 732

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, \$580 (Allowance, Taels 64.)
OLD MALWA per picul, \$640 (Allowance, Taels 30.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 8572
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, \$5661
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest 85681
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, 8575
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest 9535
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest, 8545
PESSIAN per picul, \$360 (Allowance, Taels 32.)

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)
YESTERDAY.
Barometer—1 P.M. 30.040
Barometer—2 P.M. 30.056
Thermometer—1 P.M. 70
Thermometer—4 P.M. 78
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 74
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 74
TO-DAY.
Barometer—9 A.M. 30.104
Thermometer—9 A.M. 77
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 73
Barometer—1 P.M. 30.092
Thermometer—1 P.M. 79
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 73
Thermometer—Maximum 79
Thermometer—Minimum (over night) 75

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

	HONG-KONG	AMOY	SHANGHAI	MANILA
Barometer	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th
Thermometer	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th
TER. &c.	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th	On the 24th

Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundreds—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tens kept in the open air in a shaded situation—Direction of Wind, is registered every two points, N., N.N.E., E.N.E., etc.—Force of Wind, 1 to 2 light breeze, 3 to 5 moderate, 5 to 7 fresh, 7 to 9 strong, 9 to heavy, 10 to violent—State of Weather, 8. Clear blue sky, 9. Cloudy, 10. Drizzling, 11. Fog, 12. Cloudy blue sky, 13. Cloudy, 14. Rainy, 15. Overcast, 16. Peating showers, 17. Squally, 18. Rainy, 19. Snow, 20. Thunder, 21. Lightning, 22. Misty, 23. Overcast, 24. Peating showers, 25. Squally, 26. Rainy, 27. Storm, 28. Calm. The entries are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of their significance—Rainfall—Hours of rain for the previous 24 hours (noon) are registered from 1 to 24, the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches, tens and hundreds.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,197, A. E. Luthens, 30th October,—Saigon 25th October, Rice.—Ed. Schellhas & Co.
ANTON, German steamer, 305, Schröder, 30th October,—Pakhoi 24th October, General.—Wieler & Co.
CHARLES T. HOOK, British steamer, 962, W. Jarvis, 30th October,—Bangkok 22nd Oct., Rice.—Thos. Howard & Co.
BENEDI, British steamer, 909, J. Ross, 31st October,—Bangkok 24th October, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
DANUKE, British steamer, 561, Jordan, 31st Oct.,—Bangkok 22nd October, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

CONSOLIDATION, British steamer, 766, W. B. Lindsay, 31st October,—Bangkok 23rd October, Riccardi General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HECTOR, British steamer, 1,589, Billings, 31st October,—Foochow 26th October, Tea and General.—Butterfield & Swire.

AN-LAN, Chinese gunboat, 31st October,—from Canton.

HIMALAYA, British steamer, 514, W. R. Beedle, 31st October,—Saigon 24th October, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

AMIOV, British steamer, 814, C. Herrmann, 31st October,—Shanghai 28th October, General.—Siemens & Co.

SEAVILLE, British steamer, 339, M. Olsen, 31st October,—Bangkok 28th September, General.—Siemens & Co.

ATHOLL, British steamer, 923, Duncan, 31st October,—Penang and Singapore 24th October, General.—Birley & Co.

FU-VEW, Chinese steamer, 920, Barfoot, 31st October,—Canton 30th October, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Douglas, British steamer, for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

October 31, Alex. McNeil, American ship, for New York.

October 31, Thales, British steamer, for Swatow.

October 31, Alva, Portuguese ship, for Rajah.

October 31, Glenfiddie, British steamer, for Yokohama.

October 31, China, German str., for Swatow.

October 31, Dale, British steamer, for Bangkok.

October 31, Douglas, British str., for Swatow.

October 31, Glenartney, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

October 31, Patroclus, British str., for Amoy and Shanghai.

October 31, Krishnar, British str., for Europe, Mauritius, &c.

October 31, Amoy, British steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Deuteros, str., from Saigon.—34 Chinese.

Per Daubis, str., from Bangkok.—Miss Faust and 26 Chinese.

Per Consulaton, str., from Bangkok.—8 Chinese.

Per Hector, str., from Foochow.—Mrs. Glass and 3 children, Mrs. Roberts and child, Captain S. J. Johnson, and 20 Chinese.

Per Atholl, str., from Penang, &c.—240 Chinese.

Per Himalaya, str., from Saigon.—2 Chinese.

Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai.—40 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per China, str., for Swatow.—Messrs. Tan Yoh Kei and servant, Tan Keng Boon, and Sin Boon Keng, and 342 Chinese on deck.

Per Douglas, str., for Foochow.—Mr. Geo. Laub.

Per Kinsman, str., from Hongkong.—Mrs. King and child, for Singapore. For Madras—Private Moonosawmy, For Plymouth.—Col. Sergeant G. Robertson, from Shanghai.

Lieut. G. E. Patey, R.N., for Venice. For London.—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. R. Allen, 2 children, and amah, from Yokohama.—Mr. E. J. Robertson, for Singapore. For London.—Dr. and Mrs. Pauls and 5 children, Mrs. Dumont, Messrs. Halds and F. Dumont. For Plymouth.—F. Best.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Atholl* reports left Penang and Singapore on the 24th instant. Had fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Charles Townsend Hook* reports left Bangkok on the 22nd instant. Had strong N.E. monsoon.

The British steamship *Hector* reports left Foochow on the 26th instant at 10 a.m., and arrived in Hongkong on the 31st at 6 a.m. Had moderate N.E. monsoon with fine, clear weather and smooth water.

The British steamship *Convolutus* reports left Bangkok on the 23rd instant. The first part had light Southerly winds and overcast to lat. 13° N.; thence had fresh N.E. and E.N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamship *Deuteros* reports left Bangkok on the 22nd instant. Had light S.E. winds in Gulf of Siam; thence had heavy rain and moderate S.W. winds to Pulo Obi to 13° N.; thence had moderate East and N.E. winds with fine weather.

The British steamship *Danube* reports left Bangkok on the 22nd instant. Had moderate head-winds till the 26th; thence had strong gale and heavy sea for 24 hours, commencing at N.W., and blowing itself out at S.W.; thence had moderate N.E. winds to port.

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ARRIVALS.

20. Tiong Seng, Chinese gunboat, from T'wanfoo.

21. Hailoong, British steamer, from Tamsui.

21. Namo, British steamer, from Hongkong.

21. Wenchow, British steamer, from Swatow.

22. See-wo, British steamer, from Shanghai.

22. Fokien, British steamer, from Tamsui.

22. Douglas, British steamer, from Foochow.

23. Ilti, German gunboat, from Shanghai.

23. Willie, German gunboat, from Chefoo.

24. Tientsin, British steamer, from Shanghai.

24. Hedwig, British 3-m. str., from N'chwang.

October—DEPARTURES.

20. Catharine II, Rus. str., for Swatow, &c.

21. Hailoong, British steamer, for Hongkong.

21. Anna, German bark for Guam.

21. Chloris, German bark, for Newchwang.

21. Namo, British steamer, for Foochow.

21. Wenchow, British steamer, for Shanghai.

21. Moser, British steamer, for New York.

22. Spank, British steamer, 1,400, Hoyland, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co.

22. Kung-pai, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

22. Flodden, British bark, for Chefoo.

23. D. CARLETON, American bark, 884, Geo. A. Freeman, October 9th.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th August, Coal.—Onder.

23. THREE BROTHERS, British bark, 366, H. Kahlke, Swatow 22nd October, General—Ee Tye Hong.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

BAUMWALL, German steamer, 1,161, J. C. Benohr, 28th October,—Saigon 22nd Oct., Rice.—Ed. Schellhas & Co.

CASSANDRA, German steamer, 928, T. Wagner, 28th October,—Saigon 23rd October, Rice.

CATTERTHURN, British steamer, 1,407, J. Miller, 26th October,—Sydney 20th September, Townsville 5th October,—Cooktown 7th, Thursday Island 9th, Port Darwin 14th, Elbow 21st,—Cairns 25th October, General.—Grove, R. Stevens & Co.

CHARLES T. HOOK, British steamer, 962, W. Jarvis, 30th October,—Bangkok 22nd Oct., Oct., Rice.—Thos. Howard & Co.

BENEDI, British steamer, 909, J. Ross, 31st October,—Bangkok 24th October, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DURHAM, British steamer, 1,637, G. Huddy, October 8th,—Sydney 14th September, Coal.—Order.

EALING, British steamer, 1,344, Salmon, 20th October,—Nagasaki 15th October, Coals.—Siemens & Co.

DUKING, British steamer, 561, Jordan, 31st Oct.,—Fat Hong.

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